TOWN OF WILTON SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Date:

December 29, 2014

Time:

6:30 P.M.

Place: Present: Town Office Chairman William F. Condra and Selectmen Richard E. Swanson and Kermit R. Williams;

and Recording Secretary Pamela Atwood.

The meeting was called to order at P.M. by Chairman Condra.

Fire Chief Ray Dick was first on the agenda to discuss the Fire Station Warrant Article. He presented another bill for \$1,200 which leaves \$4,000 in the fund. He discussed items he still needs to purchase to finish the project. The Board checked the wording of the Warrant Article to determine if it had been written as non-lapsing. After further discussion, Chief Dick agreed that he has time to place the remaining orders, for the radio contract and hazmat suits.

The next agenda item was discussion of the Shattuck Stipulation Agreement for which Attorney Silas Little was in attendance. Attorney Little stated that he had talked to Attorney Quinn who suggested a resolution without going to Court. He proposed to pay some money for the violations. Attorney Little does not think the ditch was freshly dug and was probably done before Shattuck owned the property. Si explained there were 2 identifiable violations: the replaced culvert may have been a wetland's disturbance, and the loam pile intrudes on the wetlands. Selectman Swanson asked about possible ground contamination (paving, tank, trucks etc). Attorney Little looked at the area and didn't see anything that jumped out at him, but random soil samples would have to be taken to be sure. Rick asked to include in the stipulation that Shattuck is responsible for the cost of any contamination. Si says he's liable under State Statute if he has a spill anyway. Selectman Swanson asked if Si was sure that the operation was not there now, saying that he shares some of the concerns of the neighbors and sees a lot of activity. Attorney Little said there should be no trucks there except personal vehicles and a company vehicle (if he drives one home) and the loader. That was the first Attorney Little had heard of a lot of activity; there would be no activity unless he gets approval. Selectman Swanson also asked if the \$1,000 fine was adequate because \$275 per day could be collected since the June 20th notice of violation. Selectman Williams said that could mean over \$40,000. He also requested that some right of inspection needs to be included for the culvert work. Selectman Swanson reported back on his calls to DES Compliance Specialist Jen Drociak and engineer Dennis LaBombard. Chairman Condra summarized that this Board of Selectmen seem to want to add some amendments to the stipulation:

- 1. Given the level of violation that exists the \$1,000 fine is unacceptable. Come back with an appropriate amount
- 2. Add language that will cover the Town's legal expenses.

Further amendments came when input from the public was taken. Attorney Little will draft a revised Stipulation Agreement.

Carol Roberts was next to discuss public access on cable TV. She stated that people who have cable TV also have a right to have public access TV, but she has found out that it is very costly. For this reason Carol will not pursue it at this time. Regarding broadband service, she would like to see Wi-Fi for downtown Wilton. She feels that the local businesses would profit from it; it would be a way to attract businesses and customers. Carol would like to see this happen; she thinks people might stay longer. She spoke of a lady by the name of Carol Miller who is the Director of Broadband Technologies. There is a

helpful website available: *Iwantbroadband.com*. Selectman Williams stated that the NRPC maps show Wilton as being pretty well covered, but if Ms. Miller is willing to help us improve the services then he is all for it. Carol Roberts will contact Carol Miller about meeting with the Selectmen. The Board thanked Carol.

A nonpublic session was called at 7:41 P.M. as requested by Alec MacMartin per RSA 91-A:II,3(b).

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:53 P.M.

Selectman Williams suggested that he would like to speak to Dawn Tuomala regarding the scope of work for the Storm Water contract.

The Accounts Payable manifests were signed.

The meeting minutes were signed.

One (1) Timber Tax Warrant

Payroll for period ending 12/27/14 was approved.

The Storm Water Contract for 2015 was tabled until Dawn Tuomala can provide a scope of work.

Two Abatement Requests were signed.

Motion: Chairman Condra made a motion to waive collection of the requested interest owed on 31 Maple Street. Selectman Williams seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote with all in favor. Motion carries.

The amount of money to encumber from 2014 was discussed.

Motion: Selectman Williams moves to encumber the contracted obligations totaling \$259,690.07. Selectman Swanson seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed. Motion carries.

Selectman Swanson discussed the scheduling of nonpublic sessions. He would like to see them scheduled at the end of the meeting. It was suggested that this would make it difficult for the staff as they would have to wait until the end of the meeting. Administrative Assistant Pam Atwood noted that she is not always aware of the entire schedule when asked to schedule a nonpublic session. The Selectmen decided to pick the timeslot of 8:00 P.M. as the timeslot for nonpublic sessions, subject to change or possibly sooner if all other work has been completed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 P.M. by Selectman Swanson, seconded by Selectman Williams, followed by a vote with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted;
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Kermit R. Williams

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